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'Intelligence services AIVD and MIVD recruit journalists'

Journalists are systematically recruited by the intelligence services AIVD and MIVD, [NRC reports](#) based on its own research. Journalists are also approached who could get into trouble in conflict areas such as the Middle East

The newspaper spoke to 32 editors and correspondents who cover topics or work in areas of interest to the intelligence services.

Half of the journalists say they have been contacted by one of the two services. In some cases, the AIVD, the General Intelligence and Security Service, was prepared to pay.

The reason for the NRC tour was an internal AIVD document that the newspaper saw last month. That document was leaked in 2016 by whistleblowing website PubLeaks, but was never made public. That document contains the names of 21 "sources and agents", including eight journalists.

Risk

Program makers Sinan Can and Thomas Erdbrink warn in the newspaper about the dangers that journalists run when they work with the services. Can says he

